

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

June 25, 2015

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Hofmeister said she traveled to the Oklahoma Arts Institute (OAI) in the Quartz Mountain. It was a privilege to see ninth and tenth graders who earned the opportunity to participate in the OAI summer camp and are preparing in the arts.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

**April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the
State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Franks moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 regular meeting. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent Shellenburger, Superintendent, Bethany Public Schools signed up to address/discuss the student assessment emergency rule-Oklahoma School Testing Program scope and general administration.

CONSENT DOCKET Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2015-2016 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
 - Bartlesville Public Schools, Washington County
 - Frederick Public Schools, Tillman County
 - Hominy Public Schools, Osage, County
 - Purcell Public Schools, McClain County
 - Shawnee Public Schools, Pottawatomie County

- (b) **Administrative Services – OAC 210:35-3-45**
Wynona Public Schools, Osage County
- (c) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
Eldorado Public Schools, Jackson County
Kinta Public Schools, Haskell County
- (d) **Length of School Day - 70 O. S. § 1-109**
Ft. Gibson Public Schools, Muskogee County
Lane Public Schools, Atoka County
- (e) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Fairview Public Schools, Major County
Fletcher Public Schools, Comanche County
Hominy Public Schools, Osage County
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
Lomega Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Sterling Public Schools, Comanche County
Stidham Public Schools, McIntosh County
Twin Hills Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Wynnewood Public Schools, Garvin County
- (f) **Library Media Specialist – 70 O.S. § 3-126**
Bokoshe Public Schools, LeFlore County
Jay Public Schools, Delaware County
Mustang Public Schools, Canadian County
Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County
- (g) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Fletcher Public Schools, Comanche County
Lane Public Schools, Atoka County
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
Smithville Public Schools, McCurtain County
Sterling Public Schools, Comanche County
- (h) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210-35-9-41**
Lomega Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Stillwater Public Schools, Payne County
- (i) **Saturday School - 70 O.S. § 1-112**
Flower Mound Public Schools, Comanche County
- (j) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates – 70 O. S. § 6-187

Board member Price moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Update on EngageOK Summer Conference

Heather Griswold presented an update and preview of the EngageOK Summer Conference which will be held at the Cox Convention Center, July 7-9.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Allocations Approved

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, Financial Accounting presented a \$260,000 request for Asher Public Schools to renovate the physical education gymnasium lighting, fire sprinkler system, safety pads under goals, repair bleachers and flooring.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the QZAB allocation request for Asher Public Schools. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Withholding further payment of State Aid for Alexis Rainbow Charter School for failure to comply with Oklahoma Public School Audit Law Approved

Nancy Hughes reported the State Board of Education (SBE) December 18, 2014, authorized two holds on the charter school state funding due to noncompliance of the school district audit law, noncompliance of the State Department of Education (SDE) rules and regulations, Oklahoma State Law and Federal Guidance. Alexis Rainbow Arts Academy failed to provide a 2014 fiscal audit by the April 30 deadline pursuant Oklahoma Administrative Code 210:25-5-5. Title 70 O.S. § 22-112 required state aid funding be withheld for noncompliance until a district complied; and Title 70 O.S. § 103 requires schools district to provide an annual audit at the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Hughes presented a request in accordance to the SBEs first hold of state funding to grant authority to Superintendent Hofmeister to release state funding to Alexis Rainbow Arts Academy provided the school submits the annual audit and all previously requested compliance documentation on or before June 30, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Failure to provide required documentation at the required time will result in forfeiture of all 2015 state funding.

Board members discussed and asked questions pertaining to funding, responsible authorities and state law compliance.

Board member Baxter moved to approve granting authority to State Superintendent to release funds provided the audit is received by June 30. Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Updated status of the Alexis Rainbow Charter School after withholding
of state funds for failure to comply with State Board of Education
reporting requirements Approved**

Nancy Hughes updated the second hold of state funds authorized by the SBE December 18, 2014. Ms. Alexis Rainbow has submitted partial records and information, however at this time has not satisfied the SBE request for compliance documentation.

Ms. Hughes presented a request to grant authority to Superintendent Hofmeister to release state funding to Alexis Rainbow Arts Academy provided all required documentation needed on or before June 30 which must include the 2014 annual audit. Failure to provide required documentation at the required time will result in forfeiture of all 2015 state funding.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the provision of state funds upon compliance with requirements as reported. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND POLICY

**Amend list of alternate tests for Oklahoma ACE End-of-Instruction
Exams to meet ACE graduation requirements Approved**

Board member Baxter moved to amend the list of alternate tests for ACE graduation requirements. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Legislative Update

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs presented an update on 2015 legislation and reviewed statistics on bills introduced including education bills; rule requirements; and House Interim Studies affecting Common Education.

FY16 Education Budget Approved

Carolyn Thompson presented the proposed Oklahoma State Department of Education \$2,484,873,132 budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding funding purposes, FY15 appropriations, FY16 appropriations; and increases, decreases and explanations.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING

School Competitive Grants Pool Program Approved

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, Academic Affairs and Planning, presented a recommendation request to award approximately \$16 million for school competitive grants to 25 recipients.

Board members asked questions and discussed grant program process and grant results.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the School Competitive Grants Pool request. Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Gifted and Talented Education Annual Report for the 2014-2015 Academic Year

Dr. Koss presented the Gifted and Talented annual report for the 2014-2015 academic year of self-reported school district information that included enrollment data, identified gifted/talented students, gender/ethnicity/population and funding.

Board members asked questions and discussed awareness of the gifted and talented education and the state programs.

Focused Field of Study for a Pre-Engineering Academy at Chisholm Trail Technology Center, Kingfisher, County Approved

Dr. Koss presented a request for a pre-engineering academy focus field of study at Chisholm Trail Technology Center, Omega, Oklahoma in Kingfisher County. The career technology center has met all requirements for an academy focus field of study.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the pre-engineering academy focus field of study for Chisholm Trail Technology Center. Board member Franks seconded the motion.

Board members discussed academy reports from career academies.

The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Focus Field of Study for a Computer Science Academy at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Oklahoma County Approved

Dr. Koss presented a request for a computer science academy focus field of study at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. The career technology center has met all requirements for an academy focus field of study.

Board member Franks moved to approve the computer science academy focus field of study for Francis Tuttle Technology Center. Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Update on Standards Steering Committee

Dr. William Radke, Executive Director presented an update on the writing team's continuation of the rough draft for the ELA and mathematics standards. The team goal is to have the initial draft available if not the end of today's SBE meeting or the first week July prior to the next standards steering committee meeting on July 2. Vertical alignment between grade bands are currently being worked on and impressive progress has been made. EngageOK conference participants will have opportunities to respond to a survey and provide feedback regarding the draft; and sessions will be provided during the conference.

Board members discussed mathematics and ELA standards draft input.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendents attending the meeting were Lane Jackson, LeFlore Public School; and David Morris, Paoli Public School.

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Matt Holder, Chief Operations Officer to the leadership team.

Superintendent Hofmeister recessed at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

LEGAL SERVICES

Emergency Rules Adoption Approved

Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel, presented a request for emergency rule amendments of the following rules:

- (1) Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services
Subchapter 13. Student Assessment
210: 10-13-2.
Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) scope and general
administration [**AMENDED**]

Board member Baxter moved to approve the amended emergency rule. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

- (2) Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services
Subchapter 13. Student Assessment
210: 10-13-22.
Implementation of a system of school improvement and accountability
[**AMENDED**]

Board member Baxter moved to approve the amended emergency rule. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Revocation of the Teaching Certification of Kristen Lynn Betz Approved

Yolanda Downing, Assistant General Counsel, presented a request to revoke the teaching certification and certificate number 221094 of Kristen Lynn Betz based on allegations of criminal misconduct for charges filed in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

Board member Franks moved to approve the revocation request. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Revocation of the Teaching Certification of Cory Lyndon Henton Approved

Yolanda Downing, Assistant General Counsel, presented a request to revoke the teaching certification and teaching certificate number 415925 of Cory Lyndon Henton based on allegations of criminal misconduct for charges filed in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

Board member Franks moved to approve the revocation request. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Resolve into Executive pursuant to 25 O.S. 2001, § 307 (B)(1) for the purpose of discussing legal representation and applicants for the State Board of Education

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Baxter moved to convene into Executive Session at 3:33 p.m. Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Price moved to Return to Open Session at 3:46 p.m. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister stated no action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Price moved to adjourn. Board member Franks seconded the motion. There being no further business Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary